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Red Line riders will be able to talk, text and browse the internet by the end of the year. | Photo: Metro

Dear Friend:

I'm sure you've noticed that transit in the San Fernando Valley is improving quickly in ways that add both ease and comfort to your morning commute.

Most recently, Metro announced a new type of transit connection that will come to the Valley soon: cell phone service on the train. We're on track to get cell phone service up and running all along the Red Line by the end of the year. This will be a huge upgrade for those of us who seek to continue our conversations or use the internet on the way to work or school.

This is just one in a long line of tremendous investments Metro has made in our community over the years, which all started in 2000 with the opening of the Red Line subway. That was followed in 2005 with the opening of the Metro Orange Line busway, the nation's premiere dedicated Bus Rapid Transit Line.

To meet growing parking needs on the Red Line, the agency also built nearly 200 additional temporary parking spaces on the north side of Chandler Boulevard just a few years ago. Metro also built a multi-use path adjacent to the new parking lot that offers a safe connection for pedestrians and bicyclists to the existing Chandler and Orange Line bikeways.

In 2016, I helped Metro launch the North Hollywood to Pasadena Express that directly connects bus riders traveling between the San Fernando and San Gabriel Valleys. Months later, we cut the ribbon on Metro's new underground pedestrian passageway connecting the Red and Orange Lines, saving people from the hassle and risk of crossing busy Lankershim Boulevard at street-level.

And just last month, we welcomed Groundwork Coffee into the historic, newly restored Lankershim Depot. With Groundwork now in place, Metro next has plans to install a Metro Bike

Hub at the depot in the future. I am also working with Metro to turn the corner of Lankershim and Chandler into a pocket park that our community will greatly enjoy.

All these initiatives create better opportunities for our community to eat, shop, play, live and work in harmony with transit.

Metro's recent cell phone service announcement continues this trend. It means Red Line passengers soon will be able to make calls, send texts and access the internet using their data plans while taking the train.

Metro has been rolling out cell service in in tunnels and at stations since last spring, with all of Downtown and the Purple Line currently connected. Now through the end of the year, they will work on the Red Line, including the North Hollywood and Studio City/Universal City stations. Because of work this weekend, the Vermont/Sunset and Hollywood/Western Red Line stations will be closed, with bus service between the stations, so please factor that into your travel plans if you are heading toward Hollywood.

I will keep you updated on this and other transportation improvements in the future as we work together to make our Valley transit network even more connected. If you have any ideas or comments, please contact me: paul.krekorian@lacity.org or (818) 755-7676.

Very truly yours,



Councilmember Paul Krekorian, District 2

TOP STORY

Laurel Canyon Traffic Improvements



Cars can more easily navigate the newly restriped Laurel Canyon Blvd. | Photo: CD2

STUDIO CITY - Progress continues on the sewer repair work at Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Woodbridge Street.

This week, in order to make things run more smoothly and safely, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation sandblasted and restriped Laurel Canyon Boulevard from Moorpark Street to Ventura Place. The new lanes require fewer traffic cones surrounding the sinkhole work zone, making travel safer for drivers.

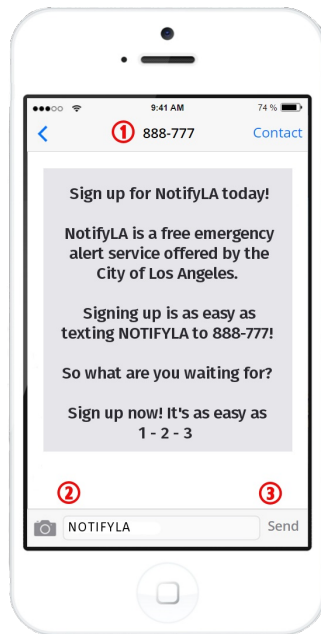
Crews are also reinforcing the sewer line running under Laurel Canyon Boulevard with slip lining, which places a new pipe inside the old sewer pipe. This will help workers fix the pipe and backfill the holes that currently exist in the old pipe. Crews are working 12 hours a day until the

repair is complete.

Visit emergency.lacity.org for updates and a map of the affected area. If residents experience odors or have additional concerns, please call the LA Sanitation Customer Care Center at (800) 773-2489.

CITY SPOTLIGHT

Stay Informed with NotifyLA



The City of LA's Emergency Management Department encourages you to sign up to receive free emergency alerts from the NotifyLA program.

NotifyLA is a free emergency alert system that sends you life-saving safety information during emergencies and disasters. NotifyLA also keeps you up-to-date with relevant information about local emergencies and hazards like earthquakes, floods, fires and evacuations. It is the city's best tool to send you emergency alerts and provide you with the information you need to keep yourself and your family safe.

Signing up is quick and easy!

Simply text NOTIFYLA (one word) to 888-777 right now to register your cell phone. Be sure to sign up on every cell phone in your family, and tell your friends to sign up too! You can also visit emergency.lacity.org/notifyla to register your home phone, additional cell phones and your email

address.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Green Living Fair Promotes Urban Sustainability



Fairgoers of all ages had fun at the annual Studio City Green Living Fair. | Photo: Lisa Cahan Davis

STUDIO CITY - People from Studio City and across the East Valley came out for the fourth annual Green Living Fair last Saturday at the corner of Moorpark and Laurel Canyon. Organized by the Studio City Neighborhood Council and sponsored by Councilmember Krekorian, Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian, the Mid-Town NoHo and Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Councils and the Department of Recreation and Parks, the event encouraged better community connections and allowed residents to interact with non-profits and local organizations, all of whom want to preserve our environment and create a more sustainable

city.

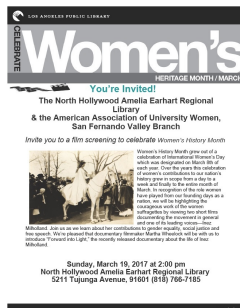
This year's Green Living Fair included interactive demonstrations and discussions, activities for kids, pet adoptions, live music from local talent, free shade trees and a pie making contest. It was a fun, environmentally responsible forum of education and entertainment where attendees got to learn first hand about water conservation, sustainable best practices, the importance of native plants and urban farming, and the realities of climate change.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



A standing-room only crowd participated in this year's Grow Your Business Seminar at the Studio City Library. | Photo: Lisa Cahan Davis

EVENTS



LAPL Women's Heritage Month Film Screening
Sunday, March 19, 2pm
North Hollywood Amelia Earhart Regional Library
5211 Tujunga Avenue

The North Hollywood Amelia Earhart Regional Library and the American Association of University Women, San Fernando Valley Branch, invite you to a film screening to celebrate Women's History Month. Learn about the contributions of Inez Milholland to gender equality, social justice and free speech. Documentary filmmaker Martha Wheelock will join the event to introduce "Forward into Light,"

the recently released documentary about Milholland's life.



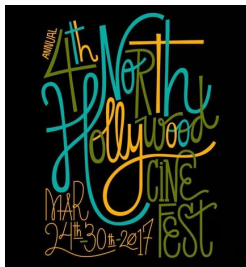
Community Meeting on LAPD Body Camera Video Policy
Thursday, March 23, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Van Ness Recreation Center
5720 2nd Avenue
Los Angeles 90043

Should the LAPD release body camera videos after an officer-involved shooting? If so, when? Who should be involved in the decision-making process? And what factors need to be taken into consideration? The input from this event and others like it will inform the LAPD's new video release policy. Sponsors include UCLA

School of Law, UC Irvine School of Law and the Policing Project at NYU School of Law.

North Hollywood CineFest
March 24 to March 30
Laemmle NoHo 7
North Hollywood

The exciting North Hollywood CineFest is growing each year. This year's festival will run from

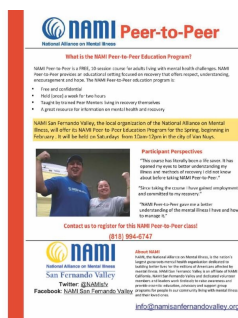


March 24-30 in Los Angeles and the fantastic line-up includes new work from established and fresh filmmaking talent, including high school student filmmakers. The 4th annual film festival will take place in the heart of the NoHo Arts District at the Laemmle NoHo 7 theater and is sponsored by Councilmember Paul Krekorian and others. For more information and a complete schedule, visit: <https://www.nohocinefest.com/>



Vegan Street Fair
Sunday, March 26, 11am - 7pm
Chandler Blvd. between Tujunga and Vineland
North Hollywood

The Vegan Street Fair is an annual vegan food celebration where local vegan and vegan-friendly restaurants and vendors come together to serve you bite-size portions of vegan eats all in one place. Come to this fabulous NoHo event. Free entry, \$4 bites available. For more information, visit: <http://www.veganstreetfair.com/>



National Alliance on Mental Illness
FREE Peer-to-Peer Recovery Course
To register, contact (818) 994-6747

NAMI San Fernando Valley is offering this course designed to encourage growth, healing and recovery among participants. NAMI Peer-to-Peer is a free, 10-session educational program for adults with mental illness who are looking to better understand their conditions and journey toward recovery. Taught by a trained team, the program includes presentation, discussion and interactive exercises. All participants are required to register by calling (818)

994-6747 or emailing info@namisanfernandovalley.org.

[Click here to view all the upcoming events on our Community Calendar.](#)

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